

REMARKS:

Claims 1-16 were pending in the application prior to the present amendment. Claims 13 and 15-16 are herein cancelled. Claims 1-12 and 14 are herein amended. Claims 17-39 are herein added. Thus, Claims 1-12, 14 and 17-39 will be pending are entry of the present amendment.

Claims 1-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over various combinations of Binder (US 7,200,152), Anderson et al. (US 6,667,967), Freeman et al. (US 5,461,195), Lemke (4,800,236), Lhota (6,399,883), Elms (5,677,974), Batruni et al. (6,215,785) and Lin et al. (5,426,739). Each of these combinations includes U.S. Patent No. 6,667,967. However, U.S. Patent No. 6,667,967 is not available as prior art under 35 U.S.C. Section 103 since the present application and U.S. Patent No. 6,667,967 were, at the time the invention of the present application was made, owned by SWITCHPOINT NETWORKS, INC. Therefore, removal of the rejections under § 103 is kindly requested.

CONCLUSION:

Applicants submit the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

Applicant has petitioned herewith for what is believed to be the appropriate extension of time. If any further extensions are necessary to prevent the above-referenced application from becoming abandoned, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5957-03700/MKB.

Respectfully submitted,

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